



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Gilbert High**  
**Lexington 1**  
**Grades: 9-12**      **Enrollment: 894**  
**Principal: E. Ann O'Cain**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Karen C. Woodward**  
**Board Chair: G. Edwin Harmon, Ph.D.**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Excellent	Average	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2006	Excellent	Good	Gold	Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	7	11	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	84.6%	87.7%	83.0%	85.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	10.0%	6.6%	10.6%	7.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.4%	5.7%	7.2%	6.2%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	96.8%	95.1%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

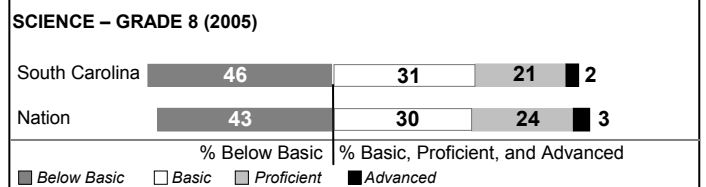
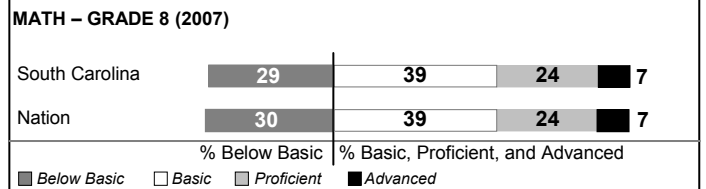
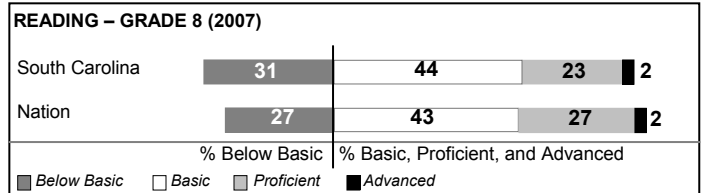
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	208	392
Number of Diplomas	166	301
Rate (%)	79.8%	77.1%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	81.3%	77.4%
English 1	71.8%	71.2%
Physical Science	73.1%	61.3%
All Tests	75.5%	69.8%

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

2020 Goal: TBD

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# Gilbert High [Lexington 1]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=894)</b>				
Retention rate	8.1%	Up from 4.7%	5.7%	6.1%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.6%	95.4%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.1%	Down from 13.7%	12.1%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	11.4%	Up from 10.2%	10.3%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.9%	No Change	1.3%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.9%	Down from 12.8%	20.0%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	55.4%	N/A	62.9%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	53.2%	Up from 15.9%	33.8%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.9%	Down from 2.2%	3.3%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	16.6%	Up from 16.2%	2.2%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	633	Up from 561	939	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	90.9%	Up from 89.8%	80.2%	79.6%
<b>Teachers (n=70)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.9%	Up from 54.5%	60.8%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	57.1%	Down from 72.7%	71.8%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	14.8%	Down from 16.9%	6.3%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.4%	Down from 86.9%	86.4%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.9%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$44,740	Up 2.8%	\$46,612	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 5.8%	2.1%	4.3%
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 8.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.8 to 1	Up from 23.0 to 1	28.0 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.9%	Down from 90.2%	89.4%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,940	Down 4.5%	\$6,342	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	59.0%	Up from 58.8%	57.7%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	61.4%	Up from 60.6%	62.0%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Average
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		94.7%	90.5%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	68	145	30
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.1%	84.8%	96.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.1%	93.0%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	87.9%	86.8%	93.3%

\*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Gilbert High School continues to convey the "Spirit of the Indian" in all aspects of student life, including academics, career and technology, athletics, and fine arts. In academics, we had seven Palmetto Fellows and two College Board National Merit Commended students. We recognized almost 70 percent of the graduating senior class for completing a major in a school of study. The class of 2008 was awarded almost \$3 million in scholarship money, and 99 students were eligible for State Lottery Assistance scholarships. We continue to have SAT and ACT averages above state and national averages. A "High Schools That Work" site, we insist on high academic expectations for all students. The teachers at GHS are the foundation of a strong instructional program that maintains strong parent/teacher communication and has consistent expectations across curricular areas. A data-driven school, we use data to set goals for student achievement.

Career and technology plays a major role in the life of the GHS student. Our HOSA team continues to bring home the gold in state competition and represented GHS in national competition in San Antonio. FFA brought home first place in the SC FFA Forestry CDE along with first place in the SC FFA Mid-state Tractor Operations CDE. We have the number one tractor driver in the state at Gilbert High School and an Agribusiness Midstate Star. Our Building and Construction Team finished second at Skills USA, and we had a student recognized as the 2008 Carolina Careers Governor's Award Student of the Year.

Athletics is a major part of the instructional program. We opened a brand new stadium this fall. We boasted eight region crowns and a AA State Baseball Championship. We were given the SC High School League Sportsmanship Award, and we are proud of the many accomplishments made by our student athletes. They have been honored as North-South All-Stars and SC Select Baseball Team players of the year in AA. Several committed to or signed to continue their career in athletics at the college level. We continue to offer first-class athletics to all students, and thank the community and Gilbert Athletic Booster Club for their tremendous support.

Fine arts programs have always uplifted GHS, and this year was no different. Our Play Performance class received an excellent rating at SCTA Festival. The Chorale finished first in State Festival. The Concert Band received an excellent rating at State Festival. A GHS student took first place in the Lexington County Soil and Water Conservation photo contest, and we had many participants in All-State Chorus, SC Band Directors Solo and Ensemble Festival, All-Region Band, and Governor's All-Star Band.

GHS strives to maintain a tradition of excellence. It is a true joy to share these accomplishments with such an outstanding group of students and staff. We continue to provide a safe, nurturing learning environment to prepare students for the challenges of a changing community and world.

Ann O'Cain, Principal  
Kayla Arsi, SIC Chair

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